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SUBJECT: DEDICATION, REHOVOT ABSORPTION CENTER

1. UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE CHINITZ (WHO PRESUMABLY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY) ADVISES THAT HAIFA HOSPITAL FLOOR AND REHOVOT ABSORPTION CENTER ARE NEARING COMPLETION. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT DEDICATION CEREMONY AT REHOVOT CENTER WOULD HAVE GREATER PUBLIC AFFAIRS IMPACT, AND SUGGESTS IT AS AN OPENER AMONG DEDICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR GRANT, WITH HOSPITAL CEREMONY DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE.

2. UIA PROPOSES TO SCHEDULE A DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE REHOVOT CENTER ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5. SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FRANK L. KELLOGG, WHO WILL BE EN ROUTE TO TEHERAN AS CHIEF OF US DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, CAN ARRANGE TO STOP OFF ON THAT DATE TO JOIN AMBASSADOR KEATING AT THE DEDICATION. NOVEMBER 5 ALSO IS CONVENIENT FOR GOTTLIEB HAMMER, HEAD OF UIA, WHO WILL BE IN ISRAEL THAT DAY.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE OF EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE NOVEMBER 5 DATE, AND WILL PASS WORD TO UIA SO THAT PLANNING CAN BEGIN. UIA WILL ORGANIZE THE CEREMONY, DRAWING ON EMBASSY FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS AND PERHAPS MINOR ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY PROBLEMS, AND ROUTINELY TO REPORT PROGRESS OF PLANS.

4. UIA ALSO ADVISES THAT ARTISTS' DESIGNS FOR PLAQUES THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS, AND PRINTER'S PROOF OF PROPOSED SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES, ARE EN ROUTE FROM ISRAEL FOR DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL. DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED UIA ALSO MAKE THESE PROPOSALS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AND WILL AWAIT EMBASSY'S COMMENTS BEFORE ACTING ON THEM. RUSH

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